

Reno Is Finally Selected by Tex Rickard As Scene of the Jeffries-Johnson Fight

GRAFTERS STOPPED FIGHT ON COAST?

Charged That Disappointed Bidders Used Ministers to Wreak Their Revenge.

PICTURE PEOPLE MOST CONCERNED

Reported They Are Willing to Put Up Whole Purse—Rickard Double-Crossed.

WILL ALLOW FIGHT.

BOISE, Idaho, June 21.—Governor Dickerson, of Nevada, is today speeding toward his home in Nevada. Before leaving Ontario he talked freely of the coming Jeffries-Johnson fight, and indicated there was no truth in the San Francisco reports that he intended to interfere. He even volunteered the information that there was no State law in Nevada preventing prize fighting, and he clearly showed by his talk that he was not personally opposed to prize fighting.

NEW YORK, June 21.—Some inside history of the politics that has surrounded the Jeffries-Johnson fight and driven it from San Francisco was told today by a prominent sporting authority who has returned from the coast.

"Tex Rickard and Jack Gleason have been double-crossed and whipsawed to a frazzle," he said. "There were a lot of 'native sons' promoters who were wild when Gleason and Rickard coupled up and obtained the fight. Jimmy Coffroth and Tommy McCarey had both put in bids and had been beaten. So when Rickard first visited San Francisco, he saw what he was up against. He was boldly told he could not get a fight license. Rather than be held up, he made a deal with Tom Williams, who owns the Emeryville race track, to hold the fight there. But these San Francisco politicians got busy with the ministers and the press, and then Rickard had to make the best possible terms in Frisco, but the politicians there got a big cut."

"It is good for Rickard that he is in Reno," he said. "He is in a position to hold the fight in Nevada. That is his home and he will get a square deal there."

"It is rumored on mighty good authority in the West that the moving picture people have agreed to pay the purse of \$100,000 in addition to the \$150,000 they have paid for the picture rights. The moving picture people do not care whether anybody sees the fight. The fewer people who see the fight, the more money they get. So all Rickard will have to do to break even will be to take in \$40,000 at the gate. If he does, the fight is held there, to reimburse himself for the money he spent in arranging for the battle. He will do that and break even, but it's dollars to doughnuts Rickard is through with prize fighting."

"He has been double-crossed once too often."

DELAWARE GOVERNOR STOPS PRIZE FIGHT

WILMINGTON, Del., June 21.—Governor Pennell, of Delaware, annulled the action of Governor Gillett, of California, in stopping "Kid" Finney, of Wilmington, from meeting Young Wright, of Maryland, in a ten-round bout at Bridgetown.

The fight would have been the first in Sussex county, the governor's home. Governor Pennell, who some years ago was one of the best baseball pitchers in the East, lives near Bridgetown. The fight had been so extensively billed that church societies and individuals generally petitioned him to stop it.

JOHNSON EXPECTING TO MOVE THURSDAY

JOHNSON'S TRAINING QUARTERS, 241 ROCK HOUSE, SAN FRANCISCO, June 21.—Jack Johnson is undecided when he will go to Nevada.

It is probable he will leave here either Wednesday night or Thursday, though there is a possibility he will leave tonight if Rickard notifies him early enough of his determination. He said today though that he did not think he would get away until Thursday. Johnson today declared Governor Gillett's action in calling off the fight at this late day had cost him \$1,000, which he would have taken in from people who desired to see him train.

Before leaving here yesterday, Sid Hunter, who will pull off the San Francisco-Stanley Ketchel fight, declared that Rickard had given him permission to stage that fight in the Jeffries-Johnson arena on the morning of July 4.

JEFFRIES REGRETS AT BREAKING CAMP

JEFFRIES' TRAINING CAMP, ROYAL WARDENHAM, June 21.—This is Jim Jeffries' farewell day at the Royal Wardenham training camp. A special car containing the fighter and his party will be hooked to the regular Reno train and Thursday he will establish his quarters in the land of sage brush. Jeff's training was again neglected in the haste of packing.

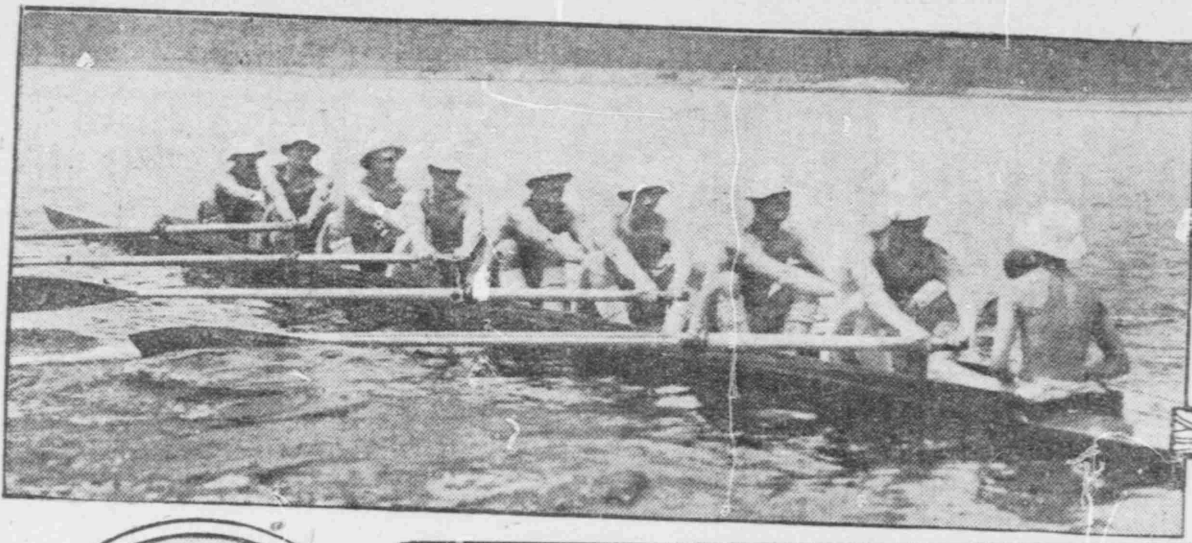
"I did not realize until it was finally settled that we should go that I have enjoyed life so much," said Jeff this morning. "This has been an ideal place for training. I love the mountains and these hills around here are as beautiful as any I have ever seen."

"I had everything here that I could possibly have wanted in my training and a lot of things I never had in other training camps. I loved the rowing on the river. Of course, I got most of my recreation from fishing. I don't believe a man could ever find a finer country for road work."

ATELL IN DRAW.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 21.—Monte Atell, of San Francisco, and Patsy Brannigan, of this city, fought a fierce six-round fight to a draw here.

Rival Crews and Captains in Regatta on Thames



UPPER ROW—HARVARD VARSITY EIGHT, CAPTAIN WARD. LOWER ROW—CAPTAIN WODEL, YALE VARSITY EIGHT.

BREAK IN SCHEDULE TO ACCOMMODATE ELKS

By THOMAS S. RICE.

Now that we are in fifth place by a fraction of a point, some professional secretary may be expected to start a post card campaign from Cleveland to "stop that Washington team."

There has been considerable discussion among the fans about whether the schedules of the American League were wrong in stating that Washington would play in Detroit on July 13, 14, 15, 16, as printed. A glance at the schedule will show that these dates come right in the middle of an invasion of the East by the Western clubs, all the other Westerners being carded to play here. The reason for this strange break is that an Elks' convention is in Detroit that week, and the Elks being among our best baseball fans, it was desired to have the Detroit team at home. The league arranged that this should be so, and Washington was awarded the plum of meeting the Tigers there. The attendance should be large and the receipts a vast addition to the income of both clubs.

Game in Boston today. Two there tomorrow.

Maybe it is because we have been good and haven't sassed the president of that has caused the kind fates to slip up on our part. While Washington was beating St. Louis Sunday, Cleveland could not play at all, and lost that much lead. While Washington was not playing yesterday because it was traveling, Chicago was beating Cleveland in a postponed game, and the Nationals were shoved into fifth position by a hair's breadth.

Playing on Sunday we ought to have been beaten, according to the book, but St. Louis has more sins to answer for than Washington, and we got the best of the deal.

Game in Boston today.

Scheduling Gray to pitch today will cause some anxiety to the fans here, who do not know what to think of him. He is such an uncertain quantity that it will stir up doubts until he has had his fling. He is said to have been showing good form in practice, but McAlister has had pretty good luck with his other pitchers on this trip, and has been afraid to give Gray a chance, but he cannot go along relying upon Johnson, Groom, Reising, and Walker indefinitely.

ly, and as Walker has been sent home sick it is necessary to get a line on Gray at once. Further, he is the only left-handed pitcher on the staff, and it is about time this team had a southpaw or so to vary the monotony of the constant procession of right-handers against Boston, Detroit, and St. Louis, which are expected to be weak against the other variety.

Philadelphia is second in the American League, 10 points ahead of Boston, which is fourth. Philadelphia is seventh in the National League, 10 points ahead of Boston, which is eighth.

That should be a sweet contention that opens in New York today when the Highlanders go against the Philadelphia Athletics. The Highlanders are leading the league by six points over the Athletics, and every victory for one will depress the other just that much, hence the special occasion for winning. While this horrible struggle is in progress, Detroit is taking on St. Louis in St. Louis. As Detroit is only 21 points behind the Athletics, and has a splendid chance to take the whole series from the Browns, it is not unlikely that before the next four days have become history Detroit will again be in first place, or so close to it that it will take a magnifying glass to note the difference. Then the Tigers go on the road for the whole Eastern series except for the break on account of the Elks. If the Tigers behave, and act right, they should have hard sledding on the road and lose some of their fearlessness for the leaders, but since Washington went through the West and broke even, that road dope has lost its hold on the public imagination and a body never knows what to expect nowadays.

Many a ball player is drawing good money who is not making as good a bluff at the game as Silvers does at the Hippodrome.

The game between the newspaper men and the Chamber of Commerce at American League Park tomorrow afternoon for the benefit of the tuberculosis sufferers is something you want to see. It will be no no game, for the Chamber has a mighty good amateur collection, while the newspaper team has plenty of talent and some of the very deepest thinkers in the city. Some of these thinkers thought they had a chance to beat the Times nine, but by gum we have shown 'em all something ever since the season opened. The fact that there are men in the AP-Newsman line-up who were thought good enough to send against the Times at all, shows that they have ability and can put up a contest well worth the money.

Standings and Possibilities.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Yesterday's Results.

St. Louis, 4; Detroit, 2.
Chicago, 1; Cleveland, 0.

Today's Games.

Washington at Boston.
St. Louis at Detroit.
Chicago at Cleveland.
Philadelphia at New York.

Standing of the Clubs.

Club	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss.
New York	39	18	.682	560-538
Philadelphia	31	17	.646	485-482
Detroit	31	21	.625	523-514
Boston	24	24	.500	529-509
Washington	24	24	.500	482-484
Cleveland	19	24	.442	455-482
Chicago	20	27	.426	437-417
St. Louis	12	27	.245	390-529

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Yesterday's Results.

Philadelphia, 5; Boston, 2.
Brooklyn, 4; New York, 1.
Pittsburg, 3; St. Louis, 2.
Chicago, 6; Cincinnati, 4.

Today's Games.

Cincinnati at Chicago.
New York at Brooklyn.
Pittsburg at St. Louis.
Boston at Philadelphia.

Standing of the Clubs.

Club	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss.
Chicago	33	16	.673	680-599
New York	29	19	.604	612-592
Pittsburg	24	22	.522	531-511
Cincinnati	23	24	.500	529-509
St. Louis	24	27	.471	481-482
Brooklyn	22	27	.449	471-481
Philadelphia	21	26	.447	488-498
Boston	18	34	.346	358-529

CLEVELAND NAPS IN DIRE STRAITS

Manager McGuire Slips Away to Do Some Quiet Scouting.

CLEVELAND, June 21.—Manager Jim McGuire quietly slipped out of town yesterday and forgot to leave any word at home as to where he was going or just when he would return. Yesterday Manager Jim assumed that same sleeplike manner and bled himself to some ball yard thought to be somewhere in the Ohio and Pennsylvania circuit.

With Clarke in the hospital with typhoid fever and Bemis worse for wear because of a sprained ankle, Ted Easterly is the whole Nap catching department. Under such conditions it is quite important that an extra catcher be corralled to have in case of emergency.

Dr. Castle, the club physician, said last night that Bemis was improving rapidly and would be able to resume playing very soon. Clarke is also gaining very fast, but if everything goes well it will still be ten days before the Nap shortstop is able to sit up in a chair. Just as soon as he recovers sufficiently to permit Clarke will go to his farm at Dearborn, Mich., where he will be able to recuperate much faster than at any other place. Dr. Castle might be able to join the team about August 15.

BASEBALL INJURY CAUSE OF DEATH

Trenton Player, Struck on Head, Succumbs to Abscess on Brain.

TRENTON, June 21.—Edward Arthur Borden, a player on the Groveville baseball team, is dead from injuries he received by being struck by a pitched ball in a game on Memorial Day. He was standing at the home plate, but in hand when a high ball struck him in the head. He continued playing, believing that the injury was not serious.

A physician discovered several days afterward that he was suffering from an abscess on the brain.

At the Sign of the Moon



YALE CREW SQUAD CALLS ON HARVARD

Blue Oarsmen Go Down to Redtop for a Social Chat.

NEW LONDON, Conn., June 21.—Today was visiting day with the Yale rowing squad, and all the crews went down to Redtop to have a friendly chat with their Harvard rivals.

Unless Tucker, who was counted on for the second seat in the Yale varsity, returns from the hospital at New Haven within the next two days, Colburn will win this seat permanently. The latter is improving rapidly, and all fear that the Yale boat will suffer heavily in the big race on the 30th from Tucker's absence has been dispelled.

The Yale men again used their new oars today. Harvard has definitely decided not to row in the new shell that was recently received from England. The boat is too large and too high out of the water.

RENO IS AWARDED BIG RING BATTLE

Tex Rickard Finally Makes Official Announcement Following Conference.

RENO, Nev., June 21.—Reno gets the fight!

Official announcement was made early today that the business men who want the fight brought here had been given until 11 o'clock to raise \$15,000 to pay for the arena and State license for the world's championship battle between James J. Jeffries and Jack Johnson.

"They will raise it," said Tex Rickard. He was happy over this solution of his troubles.

Rumors that the governor would interfere were set at rest by the following announcement from James D. Finch, secretary to Governor Dickerson:

"The Nevada law of 1907 permits prizefights upon payment of \$2,000 for a license and a physician's certificate of good health for the participants. The governor could not prevent the fight under the law and is not inclined to interfere."

Reno has gone fight crazy. Jeffries will train at Moonsa Springs about 24 miles south of the city. Johnson, on the other hand, will make his headquarters fully twenty miles from Reno, at the celebrated Bowers and Sons place, a place of the most beautiful scenery, a lake and other attractions.

There are several hot springs near Reno, but it is said that the owners of these resorts have refused to allow their places to be turned into training quarters.

Among the many rumors was one that Tex Rickard had drawn out of Metropolis Trust and Savings Bank at least \$50,000 of the money paid in for reserved seats at the big fight.

Later it was learned authoritatively that Rickard was fairly mobbed when he arrived in Reno last night. Fully 1,000 people had gathered at the depot and when Rickard appeared on the platform he was given a cheer. A cheer of the Pullman he was given a cheer that would have done credit to a Presidential candidate on a speech-making tour.

"Reno! Reno! We want the fight! We will have it!" was the cry of the crowd. The lobby of the hotel soon became a struggling mass of Reno and Goldfield boosters. Everybody wanted to talk to the promoter at once. He was jostled and rushed around the lobby until finally friends rushed him into the hotel elevator and got him away.

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